

FAFSA FRENZY



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2015-2016 FAFSASM Updates

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2015-2016 FAFSA & SAR Materials

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Federal Student Aid - IFAP: FAFSA and SAR Materials - Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "http://www.ifap.ed.gov/ifap/processing/fafsaAndSARMaterialsPR.jsp?awardyear=2015-2016". The page features the Federal Student Aid logo and the slogan "START HERE GO FURTHER". A navigation bar includes links for Home, Getting Started, What's New, Calendar, iLibrary (highlighted), Training, Help, and Feedback. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with a "GO" button and a link to "Advanced Search". On the left side, there is a "My IFAP" section with links for System & Processing Links - Application, System & Processing Links - Programs, System & Processing Links - Transmission, Participation Links - Application, Participation Links - Audits, Participation Links - Programs, and Funding Links. The main content area is titled "iLibrary - FAFSA and SAR Materials" and contains two sections: "2015-2016 FAFSA Materials" and "2015-2016 SAR Materials".

2015-2016 FAFSA Materials

- [2014-11-04](#) - (General) Subject: The FAFSA® Completion Challenge
- [2014-08-28](#) - (Application Processing) Subject: Notice of the Draft 2015-2016 Federal Student Aid Application Materials

2015-2016 SAR Materials

- [2014-10-28](#) - Subject: 2015-2016 SAR Comment Codes and Text Guide



2015-2016 Federal Student Aid Application

- August 28, 2014
 - Notice of the Draft 2015-2016 Federal Student Aid Application Materials.
 - <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=ED-2014-ICCD-0126>
 - Interested persons were invited to submit comments on or before October 27, 2014.



[http://www.regulations.gov/#!document](http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=ED-2014-ICCD-0126-0003) [Detail;D=ED-2014-ICCD-0126-0003](http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=ED-2014-ICCD-0126-0003)

FAFSA®

FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study and loans.
Or apply free online at www.fafsa.gov.

Applying by the Deadlines
For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than January 1, 2015. We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2016. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2015-2016 school year.
For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as January 2015. See the table to the right for state deadlines. You may also need to complete additional forms.
Check with your high school guidance counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid and deadlines.
If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at www.fafsa.gov. This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

Using Your Tax Return
We recommend that you complete and submit your FAFSA as soon as possible on or after January 1, 2015. If you (or your parents) need to file a 2014 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and have not done so yet, you can submit your FAFSA now using estimated tax information, and then you must correct this information after you file your return.
The easiest way to complete or correct your FAFSA with accurate tax information is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool through www.fafsa.gov. In a few simple steps, most students and parents who filed a 2014 tax return can view and transfer their tax return information directly into their FAFSA.
Note: Both parents or both the student and spouse may need to report income information on the FAFSA if they did not file a joint tax return for 2014. For assistance with answering the income information questions in this situation, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

Filling Out the FAFSA®
If you or your family experienced significant changes to your financial situation (such as loss of employment), complete this form to the extent you can and submit it as instructed. Consult with the financial aid office at the college(s) you applied to or plan to attend.
For help in filling out the FAFSA, go to www.studentaid.gov/completingfafsa or 1-800-433-3243. TTY users who are hearing impaired may call 1-800-730-8913.
Your answers on this form will be read electronically. This means:

- use black ink and fill in circles completely;
- print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words;
- report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.41) like this: 12356.41

Yellow is for student information and purple is for parent information.

Mailing Your FAFSA®
After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 3 through 8 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 3 through 8 in the attached envelope or send it to:
Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 7007, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-0071.
After your application is processed, you will receive a summary of your information in your Student Aid Report (SAR). If you provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be sent by e-mail within three to five days. If you do not provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be mailed to you within three weeks. If you would like to check the status of your FAFSA, go to www.fafsa.gov or call 1-800-433-3243.

Let's Get Started!
Now go to page 3 of the application form and begin filling it out. Refer to the notes as instructed.

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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APPLICATION DEADLINES
Federal Aid Deadline – June 30, 2016
State Aid Deadlines – See below.

Check with your financial aid administrator for these states and territories:
AL, AS*, AZ, CO, EM*, GA, GU*, HI*, IL*, IN*, KS*, KY*, LA*, ME*, MI*, MN*, MO*, NE, NM, NV*, PR, PW*, SD*, TX, UT, VA*, WI*, WV and WY.

Pay attention to the symbols that may be listed after your state deadline.
AK – All Education-related Aid: Performance Scholarship – June 1, 2015
AR – Academic Challenge – June 1, 2015 (date received)
Workforce Grant – Contact the financial aid office.
Higher Education Opportunity Grant – June 1, 2015 (date received)
CA – Additional community college awards – September 2, 2015
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CT – February 15, 2015 (date received) *
DE – April 15, 2015 (date received) *
DC – PE OLC, complete the PE OLC and submit additional supporting documents on or before April 30, 2015.
FL – May 15, 2015 (date received)
GA – July 1, 2015 (date received). Higher priority deadlines may exist for certain programs.
HI – Opportunity Grant – March 1, 2015 (date received) *
IL – As soon as possible after January 1, 2015. Awards made until funds are depleted.
IN – March 10, 2015 (date received)
KS – As soon as possible after January 1, 2015. Awards made until funds are depleted.
KY – As soon as possible after January 1, 2015. Awards made until funds are depleted.
LA – June 30, 2016 (date received)
MA – May 1, 2015 (date received) *
MD – March 1, 2015 (date received)
ME – May 1, 2015 (date received)
MI – 30 days after term starts (date received)
MN – April 1, 2015 (date received)
MO – MFA and MFC Grants – September 15, 2015 (date received)
MS – MFC Scholarships – March 31, 2015 (date received)
MT – March 1, 2015 (date received) *
NC – As soon as possible after January 1, 2015. Awards made until funds are depleted.
ND – April 15, 2015 (date received) * Early priority deadlines may exist for institutional programs.
NH – NH is not offering a state grant this year.
NJ – 2014-2015 Tuition Aid Grant recipients – June 1, 2015 (date received)
All other applicants:
– October 1, 2015, fall & spring terms (date received)
– March 1, 2016, spring term only (date received)
NY – October 1, 2015 (date received)
OK – March 1, 2015 (date received)
OR – Oregon Opportunity Grant – February 1, 2015
PA – All first-time applicants at a community college, a business/technical school, a hospital school or nursing school enrolled in a non-transferable two-year program.
August 1, 2015 (date received)
All other applicants – May 1, 2015 (date received)
RI – March 1, 2015 (date received)
SC – Completion on Higher Education Need-based Grants – As soon as possible after January 1, 2015. Awards made until funds are depleted.
TN – State Grant – Prior year recipients receive award if eligible and apply by March 1, 2015. All other awards made to need-based applicants who apply by March 1, 2015. Until funds are depleted.
VT – State Lottery – fall term, September 1, 2015 (date received); spring term, February 1, 2016 (date received)
As soon as possible after January 1, 2015. Awards made until funds are depleted.
WV – PROMISE Scholarship – March 1, 2015. New applicants must also submit additional application at www.wv.gov. Contact your financial aid administrator or your state agency.
WV Higher Education Grant Program – April 15, 2015.

* For priority consideration, submit application by date specified.
* Applicants encouraged to obtain proof of mailing.
* Additional form may be required.

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STUDENT AID REPORT
2015-2016

WWW.FAFSA.GOV

APRIL 22, 2015
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JOHN SMITH
742 EVERGREEN TERRACE
SPRINGFIELD OH 45555

Dear JOHN SMITH,
Your Student Aid Report (SAR) summarizes the information you submitted on your 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Status (review the checked boxes)

☒ Your FAFSA appears to be complete. Review the data on pages 3-10 of your SAR and make corrections or updates if necessary. The school(s) listed on your FAFSA will receive your information.

☒ Your FAFSA has been selected for verification. Verification is a process where your school confirms the data you reported on your FAFSA. Your school has the authority to contact you for documentation that supports income and other information that you reported on your FAFSA.

Federal Student Aid Eligibility (review the checked boxes)

The data submitted on your FAFSA is used to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is 000000.

The EFC is not the amount of money that your family must provide. Rather, you should think of the EFC as an index that colleges use to determine how much financial aid you would receive if you were to attend their school. Financial aid may include grants (free funds that do not have to be repaid), low-interest loans (borrowed funds that must be repaid), and/or work-study (paid part-time employment). Please note that your EFC is subject to change if you update or correct your FAFSA.

Your financial aid package could also include other federal, state, or institutional grants and scholarships, and/or a work-study award. Your school's financial aid office will advise you of the specific types and amounts of student aid you are eligible to receive. For more information about the EFC, grants, loans, work-study, scholarships and other sources of aid, go to StudentAid.gov.

☒ Based on your EFC it appears that you may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$5730, provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program. You may also be eligible for other grants, low-interest student loans, and work-study opportunities.

☒ We sent your information to other federal agencies to verify your eligibility for federal student aid and there appears to be an issue with the information provided on your application. Review the checklist on page 3 for instructions on how to resolve these issues.

You should keep this SAR for your records!

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OMB No. 1845-0001
DATA RELEASE NUMBER (DRN): 9755
EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC): 000000**C

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2015–2016 FAFSA Materials & Websites

<http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/learn/fafsa/updates.jsp>

2015–16 FAFSA Materials and Websites	
FAFSA DOCUMENT OR WEBSITE	AVAILABILITY ESTIMATE
Paper FAFSA	Winter 2014–15
Spanish paper FAFSA	Winter 2014–15
PDF FAFSA	Late December 2014
Spanish PDF FAFSA	Late December 2014
<i>FAFSA on the Web Worksheet</i> (paper copy)	Winter 2014–15
Spanish <i>FAFSA on the Web Worksheet</i> (paper copy)	Winter 2014–15
<i>FAFSA on the Web Worksheet</i> online in PDF	December 2014
Spanish <i>FAFSA on the Web Worksheet</i> online in PDF	December 2014
<i>Student Aid Report</i> sample	January 2015
Spanish <i>Student Aid Report</i> sample	January 2015
<i>SAR Acknowledgement</i> sample	January 2015
Spanish <i>SAR Acknowledgement</i> sample	January 2015
FAFSA demo site updated for 2015–16	December 2014
Completing the FAFSA	December 2014
<i>FAFSA on the Web</i> screen shots	Fall 2014
EFC Formula Guide	Available now
FAFSA summary of changes	Fall 2014
<i>FAFSA4caster</i> updated and live online	Winter 2014–15
Federal School Code List	Available now; updated quarterly.



2014 Student Survey Results

FAFSA Completion	Percentage
Completed and submitted FAFSA	78.1%
Started and saved FAFSA but will complete later	11.9%
Completed FAFSA but will submit later	6.7%
Decided not to start filling out FAFSA	2.4%
Was not eligible to receive federal student aid	0.9%

[The FAFSA Completion Challenge #ReachHigher](#)
by First Lady Michelle Obama



Encourage Students To...

- Be aware of all deadlines!
- Apply early and fill out the FAFSA online.
 - Students should use estimated tax information if their 2014 tax return is not completed.
 - Update tax information using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.
- Click “save” after completing each FAFSA section.
- Submit FAFSA by using their PIN.
- Keep a copy of the confirmation page.
 - Provides link to transfer parental data to a new FAFSA.
- Review and correct any mistakes on the Student Aid Report.



NASFAA's FAFSA Tips & Common Mistakes To Avoid

- Blank fields
- Using commas or decimals
- Incorrect SSN
- Not using legal name
- Incorrect address
- Wrong income tax paid
- AGI is not always equal to total income
- Incorrectly filing as head of household
- Incorrect marital status for both student & parents
- Not listing both parents if living together
- Not listing unborn children
- Students not counting themselves as a household member
- Not registering with selective services (male students only)
- Not listing colleges
- Forgetting to sign and date
- Don't send in federal tax returns

[FAFSA Tips and Common Mistakes To Avoid](#)



New FSA ID

- October 1, 2014
 - New FSA ID to Replace the Federal Student Aid PIN
 - <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/100114NewFSAIDtoReplacetheFederalStudentAidPIN.html>
 - Effective Spring 2015?
 - User-selected username and password



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